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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR NICOLAE'S MEETINGS WITH NIMETZ AND  
LUERS

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1. AMBASSADOR NICOLAE CONTINUED HIS PRE-VACATION CALLS  
BY MEETING WITH COUNSELOR NIMETZ AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT  
SECRETARY LUERS, AS WELL AS A FAREWELL CALL ON JACK  
ARMITAGE, AUGUST 2. HIGHLIGHTS:

2. CONGRESS AND MFN. NICOLAE THANKED NIMETZ FOR  
SUPPORTING MFN EXTENSION AND SAID HE FINDS THE  
CONGRESSIONAL ATMOSPHERE THIS YEAR BETTER AND MORE  
CONSTRUCTIVE THAN LAST YEAR. WHILE A FEW MEMBERS REMAIN  
OPENLY HOSTILE TO ROMANIA, MAJORITY ARE LOOKING NOT  
JUST AT CURRENT PROBLEMS BUT SEEKING NEW POSSIBILITIES  
OVER THE LONG RUN. HE MENTIONED RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH  
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JACKSON, FRASER AND FENWICK AS EXAMPLES BUT  
ADDED (TO LUERS) THAT HE STILL HAS DIFFICULTY WITH  
CONGRESSMAN KOCH, WHO HE SAID HAS TURNED DOWN AN INVITATION  
TO VISIT ROMANIA. NICOLAE SAID KOCH TOLD HIM HE DOES NOT  
RPT NOT OPPOSE MFN FOR ROMANIA; NEVERTHELESS, KOCH HAS  
ORGANIZED A DISCUSSION ON THE HOUSE FLOOR OF ROMANIAN  
EMIGRATION, HUMAN RIGHTS AND MINORITY POLICIES SCHED-

ULED FOR LATE AUGUST 3. NICOLAE SAID THE CRITICAL COMMENTS ARISING IN SUCH SESSIONS ARE DIFFICULT TO EXPLAIN TO THE ROMANIAN LEADERSHIP, AS IS THE MORE GENERAL CONCEPT OF U.S. EXECUTIVE-LEGISLATIVE RELATIONS. ON LATTER TOPIC, NIMETZ SUGGESTED PROBLEMS WITH CONGRESS WOULD BE EASED IF ROMANIA DEMONSTRATED SOME IMPROVEMENT IN EMIGRATION, PARTICULARLY TO ISRAEL, AND PERHAPS STREAMLINED EMIGRATION PROCEDURES. (FYI KEMPTON JENKINS FULLY BRIEFED KOCH STAFFER ON U.S.-ROMANIAN RELATIONS, PUTTING EMIGRATION, HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUNGARIAN MINORITY ISSUES IN CONTEXT. STAFFER TOOK NOTES AND PROMISED TO TRANSMIT THEM TO KOCH.

3. MULTI-YEAR MFN RENEWAL. AS HE DID WITH VEST, NICOLAE RAISED WITH NIMETZ POSSIBILITY OF MULTI-YEAR EXTENSION OF MFN. NIMETZ RESPONDED THAT CURRENT LEGISLATION CALLS FOR ANNUAL REVIEW, BUT WE SHOULD LOOK INTO WHAT MIGHT BE DONE.

4. CARRILLO VISIT/EUROCOMMUNISM. AFTER NIMETZ TOUCHED ON CARRILLO'S RECENT MEETING WITH CEAUSESCU, NICOLAE SAID ROMANIA REMAINS VERY FIRM IN DEFENDING EACH COMMUNIST PARTY'S RIGHT TO PURSUE ITS OWN LINE. HE ADDED THAT IN ROMANIA'S VIEW, EACH PARTY'S PURSUIT OF ITS OWN INDEPENDENCE SHOULD NOT ENTAIL AN ORIENTATION AGAINST CONFIDENTIAL

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OTHER "SOCIALIST" PARTIES; FOR EXAMPLE, "CRITICIZING WHAT HAPPENS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA." THE ROMANIAN POSITION IS SIMPLY AN EXTRAPOLATION OF THE POLICY OF NON-INTERFERENCE IN THE AFFAIRS OF OTHERS. NICOLAE ADDED THAT HE KNOWS CARRILLO AND FINDS HIM "CLEVER AND CULTIVATED."

5. EARTHQUAKE APPROPRIATION. NICOLAE TOLD LUERS THAT IN VIEW OF ENORMOUS EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE, WHICH HE SET AT \$2 BILLION, \$20 MILLION IN U.S. AID IS MORE IMPORTANT AS A GESTURE THAN FOR ITS ECONOMIC IMPACT. HE IS THEREFORE DISAPPOINTED THAT APPROPRIATION OF FULL AMOUNT IS SO SLOW TO COME. HE SAID THIS COULD BE SEEN IN BUCHAREST AS CONGRESSIONAL "HARASSMENT" OF ROMANIA. LUERS AND DESK OFFICER EXPLAINED THAT DELAY IS NOT CAUSED BY HOSTILITY TO ROMANIA BUT DIFFICULTY OF GETTING ACTION ON FY 77 APPROPRIATION REQUEST. WE DESCRIBED ACTIONS WE ARE TAKING TO MOVE CONGRESS, INCLUDING SECRETARY'S LETTER TO CONGRESSMAN LONG. WE WILL KEEP EMBASSY POSTED ON PROGRESS.

6. NICOLAE PAID CORDIAL FAREWELL CALL ON JACK ARMITAGE, THANKING HIM FOR ALL HIS HELP AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS,

DURING A PERIOD WHEN U.S.-ROMANIAN RELATIONS EXPANDED  
DRAMATICALLY.

7. COMMENT: AS HE GOES INTO HIS SECOND YEAR AS  
AMBASSADOR, NICOLAE DISPLAYS A MUCH DEFTER AND MORE  
CONFIDENT TOUCH. HE STILL HAS DIFFICULTY IN CONVEYING  
NUANCES IN ENGLISH, BUT HIS POWERS OF COMMUNICATION,  
INCLUDING THE ABILITY TO INSPIRE CONFIDENCE IN HIS  
INTERLOCUTORS, ARE GREATLY IMPROVED. SO IS HIS  
UNDERSTANDING OF THE INS AND OUTS OF THE AMERICAN  
POLITICAL SYSTEM AND HIS RANGE OF CONTACTS. HE HAS  
CLEARLY SET HIMSELF THE GOAL OF EXPANDING HIS ROLE  
IN U.S.-ROMANIAN RELATIONS, JUDGING FROM HIS OCCASIONAL  
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COMMENTS THAT WE (THE DEPARTMENT) SEEM TO PREFER TO DEAL  
WITH THE GOR PRIMARILY THROUGH OUR EMBASSY IN BUCHAREST.

8. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE  
EMBASSY'S ASSESSMENT, PERHAPS FOLLOWING NICOLAE'S  
CONSULTATIONS IN BUCHAREST, OF HIS INFLUENCE AND  
ACCESS WITH THE ROMANIAN POWER STRUCTURE AND OF HIS  
REPORTING RELIABILITY. CHRISTOPHER

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